

IN THE CLAIMS

1.(Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a bus for communicating information;

a display for displaying an image comprising a listing of applications, said display coupled to said bus;

a processor for processing information, said central processor coupled to said bus;

a volatile memory for storing information and instructions for said processor, said volatile memory coupled to said bus;

a non-volatile memory for storing static information and instructions; said non-volatile memory is coupled to said bus;

a jog dial for accessing and activating one of said applications, wherein one of said applications is a communications application and said jog dial is utilized to access and activate said communications application, said jog dial coupled to said bus; and

a plurality of buttons in communication with said processor, wherein one of said plurality of buttons is a dedicated home button.

2.(Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1 wherein said jog dial accesses said one of said applications when depressed longer than a specific duration of time.

3.(Currently Amended) The portable electronic device of Claim 1 wherein said access comprises displaying said list of applications on said display.

4. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 3 wherein said jog dial permits a selection of said one of said applications by changing a highlight indicator on said display when said jog dial is rotated.

5.(Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 4 wherein said activation occurs when said jog dial is depressed after said selection is made.

6.(Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 4 wherein said highlight indicator moves up said application list when said jog dial is rotated up and moves down said application list when said jog dial is rotated down.

7.(Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 4 wherein said application list includes a cancel indicator for canceling said access when said jog dial is depressed.

8.(Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 4 wherein said application list includes an off indicator for turning off said personal digital assistant.

9.(Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1 wherein said jog dial accesses said application list when said jog dial is depressed a specified number of times.

10.(Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1 wherein said application list includes application icons.

11.(Currently Amended) A method of using a jog dial method comprising:
presenting an application list comprising a plurality of application identifiers on a display when said jog dial is depressed for at least a specific amount of time, wherein one of said applications is a cellular telephone application;

moving a highlighting indicator to a different one of said plurality of application identifiers in response to movements in said jog dial;

activating an application in association with said one of said plurality of application identifiers when said jog dial is depressed again; and

receiving input from a plurality of buttons, wherein one of said plurality of buttons is a dedicated home button.

12.(Currently Amended) A method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein said presentation of said application list occurs while an application is active and allows two or more of said applications to be open concurrently wherein one of said applications is activated even though another one of said applications is already running.

13.(Currently Amended) A method of using a jog dial of claim 11, wherein said activating said application is performed after said jog dial is depressed a predetermined number of times. ~~a user depresses said jog dial for a specified period of time.~~

14.(Previously Presented) A method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein said application list includes a variety of application titles and application icons representing applications.

15.(Previously Presented) A method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein a user rotates the jog dial to highlight an application identifier included in the application list.

16.(Previously Presented) A method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein said jog dial is rotated up to move a highlighter up in the list and down to move the highlighter down the list.

17.(Previously Presented) A method of using a jog dial of claim 11 wherein a user depresses said jog dial again when a desired application is highlighted and said desired application is activated.

18.(Currently Amended) A method of using a jog dial of claim 11 further comprising ~~the step of~~ canceling an application activation by highlighting a cancel indicator included in said application list and depressing said jog dial.

19.(Currently Amended) A method of using a jog dial of claim 11 further comprising ~~the step of~~ turning off a hand held computer by highlighting an off indicator included in said application list and depressing said jog dial.

20.(Currently Amended) A method of suing a jog dial of claim 11 further comprising ~~the step of~~ performing an operating system function in a hand held computer by highlighting an operating system indicator included in said application list and depressing said jog dial.

21.(Currently Amended) A computer program application access and activation system comprising:

a bus for communicating information;

a display for displaying a navigable application identification graphic, wherein said navigable application identification graphic comprises a list of applications and presentation of said application list occurs while an application is active, said display coupled to said bus;

a processor for processing information, said central processor coupled to said bus;

a memory for storing information and instructions for said processor, said memory coupled to said bus;

a plurality of buttons in communication with said processor, wherein one of said plurality of buttons is a dedicated home button; and

an input component for accessing and activating an application displayed in said navigable application identification graphic, said input component coupled to said bus, wherein said input component is a jog dial and wherein said accessing and activation allow a plurality of said applications to be open concurrently wherein one of said applications is activated even though another one of said applications is already running and said list of applications includes:

a cellular telephone application and said jog dial is utilized to access and activate said communications application;

a cancel indicator for canceling said access when said jog dial is depressed;

and

an off indicator for turning off said personal digital assistant.

22.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein said navigable application identification graphic includes OS level operation identifiers or icons.

23.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein said navigable application identification graphic comprises an application list.

24.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein said navigable application identification graphic appears on said display when said input component is manipulated in a predetermined manner for longer than a specific period of time.

25.(Original) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein said input component provides navigation instructions and enter instructions in response to manipulations of said input component.

26.(Currently Amended) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 25 wherein said manipulations of said input component cause a corresponding movement in ~~is~~ a highlight indicator shown on said display.

27.(Currently Amended) The computer program application access and activation system of Claim 21 wherein a depression of said input component causes ~~cause~~ activation of a highlighted application.

28.(Currently Amended) An activation method for an electronic device comprising:

presenting an operating system function list on a display when an input component is manipulated in a predetermined manner;

moving a highlighting indicator to a different operating system function identifier included in said operating system function list in response to manipulation of said input component, wherein one of said applications is a cellular telephone application; ~~and~~

activating an operating system function associated with said operating system function identifier when said input component is manipulated in a predetermined manner; and

receiving input from a plurality of buttons, wherein one of said plurality of buttons is a dedicated home button.

29.(Previously Presented) An activation method of claim 28 wherein said presentation of said operating function list occurs while another operating system function is already being performed.

30.(Previously Presented) An activation method of claim 28 wherein a user manipulates said input component for a specified period of time to make said operating system function list appear.

31.(Previously Presented) An activation method of claim 28 wherein said operating system function list includes a cancel identifier for canceling the operating system function access and application activities.

32.(Previously Presented) An activation method of claim 28 wherein said operating system function list includes an off identifier for turning off the personal digital assistant.